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SUBJECT: PRC COTTON PURCHASE

THE CHINA MERCHANT FOR A LOCAL TRADING FIRM THAT DOES FREQUENT
BUSINESS WITH THE PRC BELIEVES THE PRC HAS ALREADY PURCHASED
BETWEEN 1.2 AND 1.5 MILLION BALES OF COTTON. THE PRC HAS BEEN
A MAJOR BUYER OF LATIN AMERICAN COTTON IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIAL
QUANTITIES FROM SUDAN, EGYPT, TURKEY, AND THE U.S. THE CHINESE
NORMALLY OFFER ONLY BOTTOM AND TOP CLASSES OF COTTON FOR SALE.
THE CHINESE WERE OFFERING SOME GOOD CLASSES OF COTTON FOR SALE
EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT WITHDREW FROM THE MARKET IN EARLY MARCH.
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